

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 339, Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2465–S2589

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2187–2193, and S. Res. 317. **Page S2543**

Measures Reported:

S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse”.

S. 2022, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the “Senator Paul Simon Federal Building”.

S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the “Ronald Reagan Federal Building”. **Page S2543**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating University of Delaware Men’s Football Team: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 355, congratulating the University of Delaware men’s football team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association I-AA national championship, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2584–85**

Budget Resolution: Senate continued consideration of S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2465–S2537**

Adopted:

Graham (SC) Modified Amendment No. 2731, to enhance military readiness by creating a reserve fund to provide TRICARE benefits for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve, fully offset through reductions including unobligated balances

from Iraqi reconstruction, and a reserve fund to provide Montgomery GI Bill benefits to members of the Selected Reserves. **Pages S2493–98**

By 95 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 37), Warner Amendment No. 2742, to increase the amounts provided for national defense for fiscal year 2005 for new budget authority and for outlays. **Pages S2506–10, S2517–18**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 38), Feingold Amendment No. 2748, to fully reinstate the pay-as-you-go requirement. **Pages S2510–16, S2518**

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 39), Baucus Amendment No. 2751, to strike the outlay reconciliation instruction to the Committee on Finance. **Pages S2518–25, S2531**

Rejected:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 35), Murray Amendment No. 2719, to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act for fiscal year 2005 and lower the national debt by closing tax loopholes. **Pages S2469–92**

By 47 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 36), Byrd Amendment No. 2735, to provide for consideration of tax cuts outside of reconciliation. **Pages S2498–S2506, S2516–17**

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 40), Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2745, to create a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Veterans’ medical care by \$1.8 billion by eliminating abusive tax loopholes. **Pages S2529–31**

Withdrawn:

Voinovich Amendment No. 2705, to establish a 60-vote point of order relative to the Social Security Trust Fund. **Pages S2525–29, S2531**

Pending:

Corzine Amendment No. 2777, to eliminate tax breaks for those with incomes greater than \$1 million and reserve the savings to prevent future cuts in Social Security benefits. **Pages S2532–37**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution, at

9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2004; provided further, that there be 14 hours equally divided remaining for debate under the statutory limit.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—40) Pages S2492, S2517, S2518, S2531

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:02 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2585.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Vern Clark, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations; and General Michael W. Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded open and closed hearings to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on the defense nuclear nonproliferation programs of the Department of Energy and the Cooperative Threat Reduction programs of the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from Paul M. Longworth, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Lisa Bronson, Dep-

uty Under Secretary of Defense for Technology Security Policy and Counterproliferation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded a hearing to examine the proposed Department of Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command, after receiving testimony from General John W. Handy, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, U.S. Air Force; Major General Ann E. Dunwoody, USA, Commanding General, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, U.S. Army; and Vice Admiral David L. Brewer III, USN, Commander, Military Sealift Command, U.S. Navy.

MUTUAL FUND INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Lori A. Richards, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, and Paul F. Royce, Director, Division of Investment Management, both of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; and Mary L. Schapiro, NASD, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call of the chair.

ARGENTINA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine Argentina's current economic and political situation, focusing on the bilateral relationship between the United States and Argentina, after receiving testimony from Roger F. Noriega, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; Randal K. Quarles, Assistant Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs; Adam Lerrick, Carnegie Mellon University Graduate School of Industrial Administration, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Michael Mussa, Institute of International Economics, Washington, D.C.

STEROIDS AND SPORTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the scope of steroid use in professional and amateur sports, focusing on certain drug treatment and prevention programs, after receiving testimony from Senator Biden; Representative Sweeney; Allan H. Selig, Major League Baseball, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;